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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 3262 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
VIENNA USUN NEW YORK 6 MAY 75.

QUOTE

UNCLAS GENEVA 3262

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SUBJECT: UNHCR AND REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA

REF: GENEVA 3261

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNHCR PRESS RELEASE DATED MAY 6  
CONCERNING UNHCR ROLE IN ASSISTING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES  
OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY. QUOTE:

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A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO THE RECENT ARRIVAL IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE, AS WELL AS GROUPS OF CAMBODIANS, WHO LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES DURING THE RECENT EVENTS AND WHO NOW NEED ASSISTANCE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CLEARLY REQUIRE URGENT SOLUTIONS TO THEIR SITUATION. THE OFFICE WILL PLACE EMPHASIS, ACCORDING TO THE NEED, ON RESETTLEMENT IN COUNTRIES WILLING TO ACCEPT THEM OR DURABLE ASYLUM IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY HAVE ARRIVED. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS CONTACTING A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES OF POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT. IN ADDITION, UNHCR WILL ASSIST IN FACILITATING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE, IF THIS IS THE PREFERRED CHOICE OF SOME OF THE UPROOTED, AND THE REUNITING OF SPLIT FAMILIES, THEREBY ALLEVIATING THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF SEPARATION.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE, THESE GROUPS HAVE ARRIVED IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS IN GUAM, HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND, THOUGH SMALLER NUMBERS FIND THEMSELVES IN A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING SOME OUTSIDE THE AREA.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THESE COUNTRIES ARE ASSESSING THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE DATA REQUIRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. AS PART OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT, TWO UNHCR OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN GUAM TODAY.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, STATED, "MY OFFICE HAS ALWAYS HELPED PROMOTE SPEEDY SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS, WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE. UNHCR WILL, AS IN THE PAST, SEEK WAYS TO ENCOURAGE, AS NEEDED, VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, INTEGRATION IN COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM, OR RESETTLE-  
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MENT OF INDIVIDUALS OF CONCERN TO US, IN A STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN AND NON-POLITICAL MANNER." UNQUOTE. ABRAMS  
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